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Some of the enclosed references were cited in a European application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

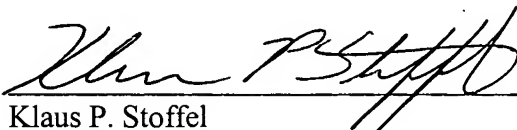
The present invention defines a stop bar for creating a temporary safety space within an elevator hoistway which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

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